

HOUSE No. 2690

By Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham, petition of Peter J. Koutoujian for legislation to increase patient protections of blood banking operations. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO INCREASE PATIENT PROTECTIONS OF BLOOD BANKING OPERATIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 184B of Chapter 111 of the General
2 Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby
3 amended by striking the first full paragraph in its entirety and
4 inserting in place thereof the following new paragraph:

5 No blood bank, so-called, shall be established and maintained
6 in the commonwealth unless so licensed by the department of
7 public health pursuant to regulations promulgated by said depart-
8 ment.

1 SECTION 2. Application of this Act.

2 The Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Public
3 Health shall convene an advisory committee of interested parties
4 to assist in the amending of the blood bank, so called, regulations.
5 Said committee shall include the Commissioner or his designee, a
6 representative from the Massachusetts Hospital Association, a
7 representative from the Massachusetts Medical Society, a repre-
8 sentative from the Board of Registration in Medicine, a represen-
9 tative from the American Red Cross, and such other
10 representatives as the Commissioner deems appropriate.